

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 4, 73-76, 78, 81, 83 and 86-91 are requested to be cancelled.

Claims 1, 5, 6, 10, 11, 25, 28-31, 61, 77, 80 and 82 are currently being amended. No new matter is being added.

This amendment changes and deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-3, 5-72, 77, 79-80, 82 and 84-85 are now pending in this application, of which claims 36-45, 77, 79, 80 and 82-84 are withdrawn from consideration.

Allowable subject matter

Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 53-60 and 68-72 are allowed, and that claims 4-6, 10-34, 62 and 63 contain allowable subject matter. Independent claims 1 and 61 have been amended to incorporate the subject matter from claim 4 and are thus in *prima facie* condition for allowance. Claims 5, 10, 11, 25 and 28-31 have been amended to be in independent form, and are thus in *prima facie* condition for allowance. Dependent claims 2-3, 6-9, 12-24, 26-27, 32-35, 46-52 and 62-67 ultimately depend from one of independent claims 1, 5, 11, 25, 31 or 61, and are likewise in *prima facie* condition for allowance.

Withdrawn process claims 36-45, 77, 79, 80 and 82-84 form the light diffusing film of claim 1, and are thus patentable for at least this reason. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that process claims 36-45, 77, 79, 80 and 82-84 be rejoined with the pending claims and allowed.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-3, 7-9, 35, 46-52 and 73-76 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,194,497 to Willems et al. (hereafter "Willems"). Claims 61 and 64-67 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,908,202 to Graf et al. (hereafter "Graf") and further in view of Willems. Without acquiescing to the propriety of these rejections, and in order to expedite allowance of the application, the claims have been amended to include subject matter indicated as allowable as discussed above. Accordingly, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) are moot.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorize payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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